

# NATIONAL CANNERS ASSOCIATION

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### THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Canners Association will go into the records as one of the busiest conventions ever held by the Association. The keynote of the week's activities was set at the meeting on Monday afternoon, when James A. Farrell, president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, in an address analyzing the business situation, expressed the belief "that there has been ample evidence during the past 30 days of a considerable increase in business in the steel industry and generally in collateral and unrelated lines, which may be ascribed not only to the underlying factors of national resources and confidence, but to steady and cool-headed thinking by the business men of the country." This same feeling found expression in a resolution adopted at the general session of the Association on Friday morning, stating:

"The past year, with its recessions in industrial and commercial activity, has given the canning industry its share of perplexing business problems. Canners have met these problems with a confidence based on the essential character of the industry, their faith in its future and their belief in the ability of the industry, as demonstrated many times in the past, to bring sound business judgment to the solution of its problems. The industry is now entering upon the activities of a new year, with evidence daily becoming more apparent that business recovery is on the way. It begins this new year with courage and with a conviction that a sound production program with orderly marketing of its products will enable the canners to participate fully in the returns of a better business year."

### STANDARDS

At the meeting on Monday, Dr. Paul B. Dunbar of the Food and Drug Administration, in an address on the McNary-Mapes law, laid the background for discussions and sample cuttings that featured each of the section meetings, where canners and Government representatives together discussed the standards to be established for the various products, examined samples assembled for examination and tentative grading, and arrived at an understanding of the problem confronting both the Government and the canner in carrying out the purposes of the new labeling law. The interest in these meetings was indicated by the fact that some of the section meetings extended as much as

an hour and a half beyond the time originally set for their adjournment.

#### LEGEND FOR LABEL

On the subject of the legend to be used on foods falling below the standards to be established under the McNary-Mapes law, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution that if the Department of Agriculture believes it necessary to use anything in addition to the statement "Below U. S. Standard" the legend should read "Below U. S. Standard of Quality," and that if it is deemed necessary to have the legend state that the product is legal, this statement should be in the negative form, "Not Illegal," in preference to the word "Legal."

In another resolution the Board made recommendations with regard to the size of the legend in relation to the size of the entire label.

#### CORN SUGAR

The Secretary presented to the Board a communication from F. H. Hall, counsel for the Corn Products Refining Company, transmitting copy of a letter sent by the company to its branch offices and brokers in which the following statement is made:

"While we believe that Cerelese sugar will greatly improve the quality of all food products in which it is used and prove of distinct advantage to the consumer, we, as yet, have no definite knowledge as to the proper percentages to be employed or the method of use except in the manufacture of confectionery, ice cream, bakery products, and sweet chocolate coatings.

"Exhaustive experiments are now being conducted under the supervision of this office for the manufacture of other food products and beverages, the result of which will be transmitted to you promptly.

"In the meantime great care should be exercised in recommending Cerelese for any specific or new use until full knowledge has been obtained."

The Corn Products Refining Company advised that it expected to communicate to all canners the information set out in its letter to its branch offices and brokers regarding the experimental work that it plans to do.

The ruling of the Secretary of Agriculture on corn sugar was brought before the Conference Committee with Distributors on Tuesday afternoon, and the Committee adopted the following resolution, which was approved without reservation by the Association at its meeting on Friday morning:

"The Secretary of Agriculture by administrative ruling has reversed the long-established policy of the Department of Agriculture requiring that the presence of corn sugar in prepared food products be declared on the label.

"This reversal of an established ruling, far from representing the wishes of State food officials, industries engaged in the production of prepared foods, trades engaged in their distribution, and consumers who rely on the Food and Drugs Act to safeguard their interests, was actively opposed by them.

"It accomplished by administrative action what the Congress of the United States has refused, despite repeated efforts by corn sugar pro-

ponents, to enact into law. It disturbs the relations of Federal and State food officials and arrests the progress toward uniformity of Federal and State food laws and regulations. It deprives the consumer of information to which he is entitled and sets a precedent for analagous rulings affecting other products, thus paving the way to defeating the purpose for which the pure food laws were enacted.

"Therefore this Joint Conference Committee of representatives of the National Wholesale Grocers Association, American Wholesale Grocers Association, National Food Brokers Association, National Chain Store Association, and the National Cannery Association reaffirms its approval of the Food and Drugs Act and expresses its opposition to any action, legislative or administrative, which weakens that Act or deprives the food consumer of information to which he is justly entitled.

"We respectfully request the Secretary of Agriculture to reconsider this subject, which is one vital to the public and the food trade.

"We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to Secretary Hyde and to the Secretary of the Dairy, Food and Drug Officials Association."

#### ADVERTISING

At the Monday afternoon session Chairman Royal F. Clark, of the Advertising Committee summarized briefly the work done by that committee in preparation for the contemplated advertising campaign, and outlined the objectives to be accomplished. He announced that no definite date had been set for the inauguration of the campaign, but that the Committee expected to continue its work and so prepare for the launching of the campaign that the maximum results could be obtained.

#### STATISTICS

A meeting of the Committee on Statistics was held on Saturday morning preceding the meeting of the Board of Directors, at which time the Committee formulated the following statement of policy to be followed by the Association with regard to the collection and publication of statistics:

"Your committee expresses its belief that complete statistical information on the canning industry and its operations is essential to the successful conduct of the industry.

"That these statistics should be collected by an impartial authoritative agency in which the industry and the public have complete confidence.

"That the statistics should be compiled by Government agencies, so far as possible.

"That the statistics on production should be made available at the earliest possible moment and issued simultaneously to all interests concerned.

"That inasmuch as the success of the statistical work depends largely, if not entirely, on the degree of cooperation given by the canners, the committee therefore urges that all canners through their respective organizations and/or individually where no organizations exist, give their hearty cooperation to the agencies engaged in the collection of statistics for the industry."

This report was presented to and approved by the Board of Directors, and was likewise approved at the closing session of the Association on Friday morning.

**SIMPLIFICATION OF CONTAINERS**

The Conference Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday afternoon, approved the report by Chairman F. A. Wilder, of the Association's Committee on Simplification of Containers, recommending the adoption of a list of 27 sizes of cans for fruits and vegetables as proposed by the Committee. This report was submitted by Chairman Wilder to the general session on Friday morning, and approved. In submitting this report to the general session Mr. Wilder stated:

"It is further recommended that, in order to make our present move effective in reducing the number of sizes of cans used instead of encouraging an increase, the National Canners Association bring this list to the attention of each section, with the request that each section specify which of the cans on this list is necessary to the requirements of the packers in that section. Naturally every effort should be made to keep down to the minimum the number of sizes of cans in which any commodity is to be packed. Though the standard list includes at least 25 sizes of cans, as few as three or four of these standard sizes should suffice for each commodity.

"Your committee recommends that the National Bureau of Standards be requested to keep in touch with the can companies so as each year to be able to inform the Association's Committee as to changes, if any, which should be made in order that the list include all cans which, according to the test of eligibility specified in the attached memorandum, should be included in the list, and exclude all cans which, according to the same test, should be excluded from the list."

At the meeting of the Conference Committee it was recommended that the Department of Commerce undertake a survey of the sizes of cans now used for fish and other sea foods with a view to the establishment of a simplification program in that field, and that the subject be taken up with the respective associations of fish canners.

The next step in the simplification program is for the Division of Simplified Practice of the U. S. Bureau of Standards to communicate with individual canners and with canners' organizations to secure their adherence to the simplification program. This work is expected to be carried out promptly in order that the proposed simplification may be made effective at the earliest possible date. Subject to the approval by all interests, it is proposed that the program become effective July 1, 1931.

**SEED TESTING**

Recommendations with regard to seed-testing procedure, formulated by a conference of government experts at Washington prior to the convention, were discussed by the Association's Seed Committee in conference with seedsmen in attendance at the convention during the week. These recommendations are to the effect that germination tests should be made on the basis of

soil tests and are interpreted as on the basis of soil tests. The recommendations were approved by the Association's committee and were recommended to seedsmen as a guide to practice.

The group included in the conference as individual seedsmen endorsed the principle of making and interpreting tests in accordance with the committee's recommendations, and recommended that the official seed laboratories of the several states and of the Federal Department of Agriculture be guided likewise by these principles in making and interpreting germination tests. The conference further recommended that a committee of seedsmen be selected to convene on call of its chairman for further conference on matters of mutual interest between canners and seedsmen.

A report of the conference, along with the recommendations in regard to seed testing, was submitted by Chairman L. Meulendyke at the closing session of the Association, which approved the report.

#### SECTION MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

While the discussion of standards under the new labeling law was perhaps the chief feature of the section meetings, the programs for these meetings included a number of unusually interesting addresses and discussions on distribution problems and on consumer preferences and requirements as interpreted by distributors and by workers in the home economics field.

The informal conferences on canning and raw products problems—a new feature introduced at last year's convention—were equally successful this year. The attendance was large and the interest keen. These conferences made available to the canner a larger group of technical experts on canning methods and agricultural science than had ever been assembled at one place, and the canners at the convention made the most of this opportunity for first-hand, personal discussion of their problems.

The conference plan was extended this year to include a meeting devoted to an exchange of ideas between workers in the home economics field and canners, and this conference proved one of the most popular and helpful of the series.

#### BUDGET AND DUES

The Board of Directors, at its meeting on Saturday preceding the convention, approved the tentative budget for 1931 submitted by the Finance Committee and fixed the rate of dues for 1931 at the same rate as for the past year.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The officers and directors elected at the opening meeting of the convention, and the committees for 1931 appointed by President F. A. Harding, are as follows:

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Along with this week's issue of the Information Letter there is being mailed a copy of pamphlet containing the President's address and report of the Secretary-Treasurer as given before

the convention in Chicago. Should any member fail to receive his copy, please notify the Association at once and a copy will be forwarded to him.

#### RADIO SALUTE TO THE CANNING INDUSTRY

On Tuesday night, February 17, at 10 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, the story of the canning industry will be carried to the entire country over 37 radio stations by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. This program is one of a series in which Westinghouse salutes the most important industries in America. An orchestra of forty pieces, with guest soloists, will provide the musical background for the program, which will tell the story of canning and will include an address by the new President of the Association, Francis A. Harding, of Watertown, Mass.

#### CANNERS' PLANS FOR 1931 PEA ACREAGE

Tentative plans for planting green peas for canning or manufacture in 1931 indicate an acreage 4 per cent smaller than that harvested in 1930, but about one-fifth larger than the five-year average acreage for the period 1925-1929, according to reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from 138 firms representing 47 per cent of the total acreage harvested in 1930.

From these reports it appears that the Northeastern States, consisting of Maine, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will have an acreage 3 per cent larger than last year, due chiefly to a 4 per cent intended increase in New York. The total acreage indicated for Maryland and Delaware is about the same as harvested last year. In the Middle West Group, consisting of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota a net decrease of 3 per cent is indicated as a result of intended decreases in Wisconsin of 5 per cent, Minnesota 2 per cent, and Illinois 13 per cent. Michigan, Ohio and Indiana are apparently planning increases of 14, 10 and 4 per cent in the order named. The Western States, consisting of Montana, Colorado, Utah, Washington and California are evidently planning a decrease of 27 per cent below the acreage of 1930. Reductions of 40 per cent in Utah, 17 per cent in Montana and 11 per cent in Washington are indicated.

This report, which was released on January 21 at the Chicago convention of the National Cannery Association, is by no means an estimate of the acreage that will actually be planted for the 1931 season, but is merely a summary of the pre-season plans of those firms reporting to the Department of Agriculture.

It is intended as a guide to canners and growers in the further planning and adjustment of their acreages for the coming season.

State	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	Plans 1931
	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>	<i>Acrea</i>
Maine .....	1,770	1,410	720	1,100	1,150	1,330	1,400
New York .....	33,310	34,990	25,540	32,200	32,800	34,440	35,820
New Jersey .....	500	400	500	350	400	500	500
Pennsylvania .....	1,000	1,400	1,320	1,680	1,730	2,010	1,930
Ohio .....	4,850	4,210	2,000	4,020	5,030	5,410	6,000
Indiana .....	4,320	6,000	1,880	5,290	5,500	6,270	6,520
Illinois .....	8,050	9,200	8,830	8,740	11,010	12,000	11,010
Michigan .....	13,010	14,430	8,400	8,500	10,900	11,000	13,200
Wisconsin .....	111,710	106,120	80,000	101,000	111,000	127,000	120,650
Minnesota .....	7,880	8,570	6,980	7,920	12,670	17,900	17,540
Delaware .....	2,500	2,000	1,700	2,060	3,040	3,200	3,010
Maryland .....	11,600	8,800	8,000	10,500	12,400	13,000	13,390
Tennessee .....	.....	.....	.....	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Montana .....	.....	.....	.....	3,500	3,900	3,500	2,900
Colorado .....	3,520	2,570	1,900	3,000	3,400	3,700	3,700
Utah .....	10,750	9,510	8,400	10,150	11,670	13,070	7,840
Washington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,940	2,100	1,870
California .....	4,800	2,680	750	1,100	880	950	950
Other States* ..	6,500	6,640	5,840	3,450	2,100	†3,700	3,500
Total .....	220,850	218,930	163,810	205,960	232,920	263,800	253,310

\* "Other States" group includes Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Virginia, and Wyoming. Tennessee, Montana and Washington included prior to 1928.

† Revised.

#### BEET PACK SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

The pack of canned beets in 1930, as compiled by the National Canners Association and announced at the annual convention in Chicago, totaled 2,923,063 cases, expressed as No. 2's. This is an increase of 918,959 cases over the pack in 1929. The following table shows the pack, by states, for the last five years, in cases of 24 No. 2 cans:

	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930
	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Cases</i>
California .....	80,101	13,380	30,175	45,372	61,512
Colorado .....	5,010	11,900	12,895	29,000	141,412
Indiana .....	(a)	(a)	(a)	34,644	64,738
Maryland .....	7,973	10,718	22,326	41,684	114,172
Michigan .....	69,809	57,877	57,623	79,793	91,159
New Jersey .....	68,511	25,886	50,590	170,950	225,870
New York .....	341,393	375,429	388,478	534,861	677,262
Ohio .....	25,026	8,734	8,127	32,394	20,614
Oklahoma .....	(a)	(a)	(a)	26,300	(a)
Oregon .....	60,907	82,968	107,134	132,986	146,249
Tennessee .....	(a)	(a)	(a)	42,691	77,920
Utah .....	6,221	10,362	17,137	22,897	58,286
Washington .....	9,731	23,910	32,464	85,329	90,278
Wisconsin .....	552,372	480,785	521,071	709,450	1,090,880
All other States .....	5,858	27,758	45,617	15,057	47,711
Total .....	1,233,662	1,129,767	1,293,667	2,004,104	2,923,063

(a) Included in all other States.

## EXPORTS OF CANNED FOODS IN 1930

Exports of canned foods for the year 1930 decreased generally in all lines except canned meats. The following table, compiled from a report issued by the Department of Commerce, gives the figures, by commodities, for the year 1930 as compared with 1929:

Articles	1929		1930	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Canned meats, total	17,251,624	\$5,961,597	17,946,307	\$6,304,655
Beef	2,006,162	945,462	1,709,544	668,133
Pork	10,239,914	3,694,820	12,196,912	4,410,796
Sausage	2,139,100	700,428	1,395,793	421,453
Other	2,866,448	614,887	2,644,058	804,273
Canned vegetables, total	93,812,739	9,453,758	67,707,585	6,721,324
Asparagus	22,845,565	3,546,726	14,970,742	2,284,074
Baked beans, and pork and beans	7,064,804	667,013	9,096,451	549,429
Corn	8,366,230	629,133	6,112,118	483,635
Peas	8,384,573	739,780	6,890,567	603,257
Soups	28,751,205	2,722,575	19,553,193	2,014,170
Tomatoes	4,074,113	340,078	3,617,413	293,200
Other	13,126,129	808,444	6,861,101	512,883
Condensed milk	41,241,812	6,458,838	29,648,190	4,768,957
Evaporated milk	68,942,613	6,844,208	60,810,993	5,612,272
Canned fruits, total	307,367,148	31,964,703	252,792,315	24,330,375
Apples and applesauce	22,963,281	1,185,340	15,047,856	822,687
Apricots	30,246,105	2,947,925	23,142,459	2,076,892
Loganberries	12,084,141	1,307,719	4,747,743	509,945
Other berries	2,069,091	353,039	1,818,466	255,510
Cherries	33,874,045	5,139,061	1,408,513	225,300
Fruits for salad	90,040,895	8,315,560	28,339,785	4,008,663
Peaches	56,075,297	6,241,097	71,450,083	6,103,332
Pears	46,153,359	4,557,493	56,902,042	5,408,412
Pineapple	2,616,486	264,293	37,789,737	3,613,127
Prunes	10,643,848	1,051,967	1,841,877	196,208
Other	40,967,378	7,405,941	27,355,729	635,283
Salmon	123,920,002	9,418,511	103,247,915	7,138,594

## NAVY ASKS BIDS ON CANNED SPINACH

The Navy Department is asking for bids on 692,000 pounds of canned spinach, 36,000 pounds for delivery at Boston, Mass.; 120,000 pounds at Brooklyn, N. Y.; 192,000 pounds at Hampton Roads, Va.; 200,000 pounds at Mare Island, Calif., and 144,000 pounds at Bremerton, Wash. Bids are to be opened at 10 a. m., March 31, and copies of the schedule on which to submit bids may be obtained from the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

## CALIFORNIA FIG PACK IN 1930

The California pack of figs in tins, all grades and sizes, in 1930, amounted to 237,600 cases as compared with 223,857 cases in 1929 and 218,544 cases in 1928, according to figures compiled by the Cannery League of California and the Southern California Cannery Association. The pack of figs in glass in 1930 was 305,562 pounds, as compared with 325,045 pounds in 1929 and 314,626 pounds in 1928.

**TOMATO TARIFF BRIEF AVAILABLE**

Copies of the Association's brief were filed by our general counsel, Covington, Burling & Rublee, in connection with the hearing before the U. S. Tariff Commission on canned tomatoes and tomato paste, and are available for distribution to members, upon application to this office. A short statement regarding this hearing was published in Information Letter No. 386, dated December 20, 1930.

**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ASSOCIATION'S NAME**

There was published in the Saturday Evening Post of January 31, 1931, an advertisement of the Vaughn Novelty Manufacturing Company which states that a can opener known as Vaughn's Safety Roll, Jr., is "regarded as the world's best can opener by National Canners Association." This advertisement is undoubtedly designed to give the impression that in the judgment of the Association this can opener is the best in the world. This advertisement was made without any authorization from this Association, and the matter has been referred to its counsel for such action as they deem appropriate.

**TRUCK CROP MARKETS**

An important development during the week ended January 24 was the fact that new-crop cabbage shipments from the South began to exceed the movement of old stock, according to the Market News Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. Texas output had increased very sharply to 465 cars for the week, while Florida originated 150 cars. Total movement of the new stock was more than three times as heavy as a year ago. Old-crop forwardings were down to 350 cars—264 from New York and 60 from Wisconsin.

A preliminary report on strawberries shows a decrease of about 11 per cent in the acreage for picking this year, compared with last season's harvested acreage.

Snap bean shipments were about 50 cars, compared with 140 during the same period last season.

Texas spinach movement increased greatly to 535 cars, or nearly four times as many as a year ago, though Virginia shipments have been very light.

The Florida season for green peas opened with two cars. Mexico increased to 105 cars of peas, but was less than half as active as during the same week last season.

Citrus fruits were moving in much heavier volume. Oranges increased to 2,385 cars, or about 60 per cent more than during

mid-January of 1930. California originated 1,390 cars and Florida about 985 cars of oranges. Grapefruit shipments from Florida increased to 785 cars, while Texas dropped to 70. Florida tangerine output decreased to 85 cars. Mixed-citrus forwardings from that state required 630 cars, a 50 per cent increase over the corresponding record of last winter.

Apple movement increased further to 1,830 cars for the week, because of heavier shipments from the West. Output was 75 per cent greater than for the same period last season. Washington supplied 900 and New York 460 cars, while the Virginias shipped 150 and Idaho 110 cars.

Shipments of sweet potatoes increased to 260 cars, with 75 from Tennessee and 35 from Texas. Movement was one-third lighter than a year ago.

Movement of Florida tomatoes was still light and quality was mostly poor. About 85 carloads came from Cuba during the week, with imports from Mexico increasing to 130 cars, or 40 per cent more than movement a year ago. The Bahamas shipped a dozen carloads of tomatoes to the United States and Florida was credited with 70 cars.

Combined shipments of 25 important fruits and vegetables last week increased to 16,660 cars, as against 15,900 the week before and 13,660 cars a year ago. Oranges registered the greatest gain.

## CARLOT SHIPMENTS

Commodity	Jan. 18-24 1931	Jan. 11-17 1931	Jan. 10-25 1930	Total this season to Jan. 24	Total last season to Jan. 25	Total last season
Apples, total	1,829	1,753	1,046	88,021	83,358	102,801
Eastern states	698	702	600	36,039	43,595	51,439
Western states	1,131	1,051	437	51,982	39,763	51,362
Beans, snap:						
Domestic	48	47	141	1,741	1,803	9,551
Imports	2	4	1	13	9	23
Beets	34	55	..	154	..	..
Cabbage:						
1931 season	614	393	186	2,043	1,552	36,037
1930 season	350	520	443	36,037	43,019	44,244
Carrots:						
1931 season	212	330	379	2,773	2,717	11,286
1930 season	65	62	75	11,286	11,318	12,149
Cauliflower	297	300	516	5,492	4,977	9,535
Pears	90	82	40	27,768	20,200	21,147
Peas, green:						
Imports	104	79	267	446	1,201	2,118
Peppers	55	43	22	650	189	2,790
Spinach	556	231	232	3,411	3,035	9,631
Strawberries	52	37	60	135	421	10,626
Tomatoes:						
Domestic	70	84	58	803	181	33,603
Imports	227	147	174	1,578	1,210	7,040
Vegetables, mixed:						
Domestic	747	644	572	2,347	2,358	30,991
Imports	15	19	13	82	79	343

## TARIFF INVESTIGATIONS

The Tariff Commission has been directed by a resolution adopted by the U. S. Senate to investigate the differences in cost of production of tomatoes and peppers in their natural state, and green or unripe peas. The resolution was introduced by Senator Hayden, of Arizona.

## CANNED FOOD PACK IN CALIFORNIA AND THE NORTHWEST

The pack of canned fruits in California in 1930 amounted to 18,013,400 cases of No. 2½ cans and that of vegetables to 30,652,946 cases of all sizes of containers, according to statistics compiled by the Cannery League of California and the Southern California Cannery Association. The pack of fruits for salad in 1930 was 1,659,695 cases of No. 2½ cans. These goods, being remanufactured from canned fruits, are included in the foregoing figure on the canned fruit pack.

The following table shows the fruit and vegetable pack by commodities, for the last four years. The pack of fruits for 1930 is stated in cases of No. 2½ cans; for other years it is in cases of all sizes of containers. The pack of vegetables for each of the four years is in cases of all sizes of containers.

Fruits	1927 Cases	1928 Cases	1929 Cases	1930 Cases
Apricots	3,116,713	2,007,070	4,211,471	1,954,194
Cherries	170,900	280,126	393,750	369,370
Grapes	140,652	93,247	131,542	79,614
Pears	1,929,805	2,336,593	2,101,901	1,871,483
Peaches, free	320,812	163,830	392,478	120,078
Peaches, cling	10,829,681	14,811,006	7,972,086	13,173,703
Plums	137,163	173,564	121,005	183,113
Other fruits	129,500	266,988	261,411	261,845
Total	16,775,235	20,223,024	15,585,734	18,013,400
Vegetables	1927 Cases	1928 Cases	1929 Cases	1930 Cases
Asparagus	2,189,570	2,337,950	2,672,637	2,063,191
String beans	113,708	118,958	246,656	190,764
Peas	52,914	124,677	33,640	103,423
Spinach	1,968,068	2,904,542	4,193,742	1,565,496
Tomatoes	2,913,864	2,275,610	2,944,510	4,245,175
Tomato products	1,007,423	2,061,680	2,553,640	3,452,457
Other vegetables	393,233	650,949	616,070	419,040
Total	8,729,380	10,474,366	13,260,805	12,639,546

The fruit pack of Washington, Oregon and Idaho in 1930 was 6,729,980 cases, and the vegetable pack 1,574,733 cases, according to figures compiled by the Northwest Cannery Association. The pack of individual products was as follows:

Fruits	1930 Cases	Vegetables	1930 Cases
Apples .....	1,316,848	Beets .....	183,028
Blackberries .....	508,300	Cabbage .....	2,526
Blackcap raspberries .....	52,410	Corn .....	77,825
Cherries .....	713,500	Carrots .....	159,816
Gooseberries .....	65,134	Onions .....	7,588
Huckleberries .....	26,261	Parsnips .....	10,558
Loganberries .....	234,183	Peas .....	233,110
Plums .....	75,796	Pickles .....	86,702
Pears .....	2,395,177	Pumpkin .....	236,081
Prunes .....	667,900	Sauerkraut .....	54,029
Raspberries .....	303,143	String beans .....	431,722
Rhubarb .....	33,444	Spinach .....	2,920
Strawberries .....	148,706	Tomatoes .....	84,819
Jams, jellies and preserves .....	113,142	Turnips .....	1,185
Miscellaneous fruits .....	15,727	Miscellaneous vegetables .....	1,624
Total .....	6,729,980	Total .....	1,574,733

## CAR LOADINGS

	Total	Miscellaneous	Merchandise L. C. L.	Other
Week ended January 17 .....	725,938	237,658	206,506	281,775
Preceding week .....	714,251	236,006	202,356	275,790
Corresponding week, 1930 .....	847,155	293,627	232,072	321,456
Corresponding week, 1929 .....	931,861	317,128	239,100	375,573

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